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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the Claims

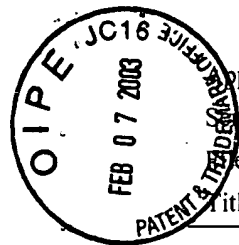
Please add new claim 51 as follows:

51. A telecommunications component comprising:
- a chassis;
 - a plurality of interface cards secured to the chassis, the interface cards each including:
 - a circuit board having first and second opposite ends;
 - first, second and third cable connectors mounted adjacent the first end of the circuit board; and
 - one or more card edge connectors mounted adjacent the second end of the circuit board,
 - the one or more card edge connectors including contacts electrically connected to the cable connectors by the circuit board.

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Independent Claims								
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